

NTP Dioxin Toxic Equivalency Factor Evaluation

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Introduction

- · This meeting
 - 2,3',4,4',5-pentachlorobiohenyl (PCB118)-Technical Report 559
 - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene (TCAB) -Technical Report 558
- · Part of ongoing program of work on dioxin-like compounds
 - Dioxin Toxic Equi∨alency Factor E∨aluation
 - Summary of findings from the TEF Evaluation



"Dioxin-like compounds"

- 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
 - TCDD, "Dioxin"
- Polyhalogenated aromatic hydrocarbons
 - Structurally related class
- >90% human exposure is from food.
 - Long half-lives leads to persistent exposure
 - Episodic poisonings

2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin









Ah Receptor activation

Steroid hormone signaling

Altered gene expression/ metabolism

Growth factor signalling

Altered signal transduction

Altered growth homeostasis

Oxidative stress

Endocrine modulation

Altered differentiation

Inhibited apoptosis



Immunosuppression

Carcinogenesis

Toxicity

Developmental effects

Reproductive effects



The NTP Dioxin TEF Evaluation

- Toxic equivalency factor (TEF) concept nominated for study
 - Humans constantly exposed to mixtures of DLCs
 - TEFs are assigned relative potency factors
 - TEFs used for cumulative risk assessment for exposure to mixtures of DLCs
 - · TEF potency adjusted dose addition of all DLCs in the mixture
- Need to assess validity of concept of dose additivity using TEFs for health risk assessments for mixtures of DLCs
- NTP initiated a series of chronic carcinogenicity studies designed to evaluate interactions within mixtures of dioxin-like compounds.



Goals of NTP Dioxin TEF Evaluation

- Relative potencies for cancer and non-cancer effects
- Interaction within a mixture of "dioxin-like" compounds
- Interaction of dioxin-like and non-dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

Test articles evaluated

2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

TEF=1.0

2,3,4,7,8-pentachlorodibenzofuran

TEF=0.5

TEF=0.1

PCB118

TEF=0.0001

PCB153

NoTEF



Study design

- Female Harlan Sprague-Dawley- 2 year studies
 - Interim evaluation at 14-, 31-, 53- weeks
 - · Pathology, CYP450, thyroid hormones, tissue dosimetry
 - Special studies to provide samples for NIEHS grantees
- Phase I
 - TCDD, PeCDF, PCB126
 - Ternary mixture of these
- Phase II
 - PCB153
 - PCB126+ PCB153
 - PCB126+ PCB118
 - PCB118



Phase I-summary results

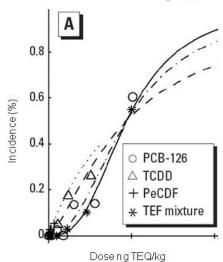
- · TCDD, PCB 126, PeCDF, and TEF mixture
- · Expected increases in dioxin responses
 - Increases in CYP1 expression
 - Lower T4 and increased T3 for all studies
 - Increased TSH at early time points
- · Hepatotoxicity
 - Increase in incidence and severity
- · Non-neoplastic effects in multiple organs
- · Increased incidence of neoplasms
 - Liver
 - · Cholangiocarcinoma
 - · Hepatocellular adenoma
 - Lung-cystic keratinizing epithelioma
 - Oral Mucosa-squamous cell carcinoma



Dose-additive carcinogenicity

- Dose response modeling of data from Phase I
 - Evaluation of slope and potency
 - Statistically based comparisons
- Dose additive combination of effects in the mixture
 - Cholangiocarcinoma
 - Hepatocellular adenoma
 - CKE
 - Gingival SCC
- Supports concept of using dose additivity for assessing cancer risk of dioxin mixtures

$$P\left({\rm dosc}\right) = b_0 + \left(1 - b_0\right) \frac{{\rm dose}^{b_3}}{b_2^{b_3} + {\rm dose}^{b_3}},$$



Walker et al 2005, Env. Health Perspect 11, 43

PCB studies

- PCB153
 - Equivocal evidence of carcinogenicity-
 - · rare cholangiomas
 - No increase in hepatocellular neoplasms
 - No increase in dioxin-like responses
- PCB 126 + PCB153 and PCB126 + PCB118
 - Same pattern of responses as PCB126 alone
 - Increased incidence of neoplasms in multiple organs
 - · Liver, lung and oral cavity
 - Expected increases in dioxin-like responses
 - E.g. CYP1 expression
 - Increased incidence of non-neoplastic effects in multiple organs
 - lung, oral mucosa, pancreas, adrenal cortex, thyroid, thymus, kidney

PCB153

PCB126

PCB118

TEF=0.0001

Neoplasm	TCDD	PCB126	PeCDF	Mix	126/153	126/118	153
NTP Conclusion	Clear	Clear	Some	Clear	Clear	Clear	Equiv
Cholangiocarcinoma	++	++	+	++	++	++	
Hepatocellular adenoma	++	+	+	++	++	++	
Hepatocellular carcinoma					++	++	
Cholangioma	+/-	+/-				+/-	+1-
Hepatocholangioma	+/-	+			++	+/-	
Lung-Cystic keratinizing epithelioma	++	++	+/-	++	++	++	
Lung - Squamous cell carcinoma		+			++		
Gingival Squamous cell carcinoma	++	++	+ :		++	+	
Pancreas-acinus Adenoma/carcinoma	+1-		+	+/-	+		
Uterus - Squamous cell carcinoma	+				+/-		
Uterus-Carcinoma			+/-				
Adrenal Cortex -Adenoma Icarcinoma		+/-					



Consistent effects across studies

- · Consistent pattern of effects for the DLCs and mixtures
- · Consistent effects
 - Cholangiocarcinoma and hepatocellular adenoma of the liver
 - Cystic keratinizing epithelioma of the lung
- · Less consistency for other effects
 - Oral Mucosa
 - Pancreas
 - Uterus
- Pattern for DLCs clearly different from non-dioxin like PCB153



Not quite the end of the road

- · This meeting
 - 2,3',4,4',5-pentachlorobiohenyl (PCB118)
 - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene (TCAB)
- · Polychlorinated naphthalenes (66 and 67)
 - 90 days studies completed
- · Hexachlorobenzene
 - 90 days studies completed
- · Tg.AC Transgenics
 - Completed 26 week exposures in Tg.AC mouse model
 - Evaluation of PCB126, PeCDF and PCB126/PeCDF binary mixture
- · Indole 3-carbinol
 - 2 year study ongoing

